

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

---

Patent Application of:

Jan UTAS et al.

Application No.: 10/584,073

Confirmation No.: 3384

Filed: September 20, 2006

Art Unit: 3763

For: CATHETER ASSEMBLY WITH  
OSMOLALITY-INCREASING FLUID

---

Examiner: M. F. DESANTO

**LETTER REGARDING COPENDING APPLICATIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following copending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
10/795,417	March 09, 2004	3761

The subject matter contained in the above-listed copending U.S. application may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

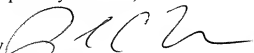
The above-listed co-pending application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants does NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application or this application. See MPEP § 101.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Dated:

JUL 08 2010

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Paul C. Lewis

Registration No.: 43368

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Road, Suite 100 East

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, VA 22040-0747

703-205-8000